



JUDICIAL PROFILE

Daniel A. Barker is currently the Presiding Judge for the Southeast Branch of Superior Court. He joined the bench in 1992, serving first in the Civil Department. He has since served in the Criminal, Domestic Relations and Special Assignment Departments. In 1977, Judge Barker received his undergraduate degree from Stanford University with honors in Economics. He was a Rhodes Scholar at the University of Oxford from 1977 to 1978 and received his law degree from Brigham Young University in 1981. That year, he was admitted to the Utah State Bar and in 1983 was admitted to the Arizona State Bar. While in private practice, he focused on complex civil litigation in state and federal courts involving environmental, construction, product liability and malpractice lawsuits. During his years as a lawyer, he was a shareholder and associate with Gallagher and Kennedy, a partner with the firm of Oplinger, Barker & Howard and was with Bonnett, Fairbourn & Friedman.

Judge Barker is one of the Courts leadership judges, having quickly moved to that level six years after his judicial appointment. He has a reputation as highly energetic and an idea generator. With strong ties to the East Valley community, he is involved in efforts to enhance the public's access to the judicial system and improve the quality of life for families and neighborhoods in the East Valley. In addition to his memberships in the Arizona and Utah Bar Associations, he serves on the court's executive committee charged with courtwide policy development.

